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REMARKS

Applicant has considered the outstanding official action. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance as set forth below. The matters raised in the official action are addressed below in the order of their occurrence.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature in the claims, i.e., in claim 6 that the threading of the shank (3) has a pitch smaller than the pitch of the threading (5) provided on an exterior surface of the coating, and in claims 9 and 11 that the multiple helix is a double helix.

Applicant is submitting herewith an amended Figure 2 wherein the relationship of the pitch of threading 3 on the shank and threading 5 on a surface of the coating is set forth. Further, due to the difficulty in illustrating threading of a multiple helix, claims 8-11 which refer to such feature have been canceled. Applicant notes that this feature, however, is still encompassed within the independent claims and, therefore, remains encompassed by the invention as claimed. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.

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The Abstract is objected to on the basis that "(Figs. 1 and 2)" as set forth in the last line should be deleted. Applicant has amended the Abstract to conform to U.S. patent practice. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is requested.

Claim 6 is objected to based on an informality, i.e., in the last line "said threading" is unclear since there is threading in both the shank and the coating. The objected to language as remaining in the pending claims has been amended to read "said threading on the shank". Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The sole rejection is of claims 6, 8-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 2,097,426 (Arthur) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,131,283 (Canfield). Claims 7 and 12 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but are stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

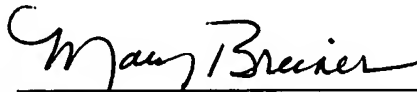
Claims 7 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 8-11 have been canceled as set forth above. Claims 6 and 13 are canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection under §103 is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the §103 rejection is, therefore, requested.

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Reconsideration and formal allowance of the claims
is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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